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SUBJECT: FEBRUARY MEETING OF IAEA BOARD: WEO
CONSULTATIONS

MISOFFS PARTICIPATED FEBRUARY 13 IN PRE-BOARD
CONSULTATIVE MEETING OF REPS OF WEO MEMBER STATES OF
AGENCY (US, UK, CANADA, FRANCE, FRG, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM,
SWITZERLAND, DENMARK, SWEDEN, GREECE, SPAIN,
PORTUGAL, IRELAND, JAPAN, AUSTRALIA, ITALY,
NETHERLANDS) FOR PURPOSE OF EXCHANGING VIEWS ON
ITEMS ON BG AGENDA, AS WELL AS ON OTHER MATTERS OF
CURRENT INTEREST CONCERNING IAEA. GIST OF DISCUSSION
WAS AS FOLLOWS:

1. SAFEGUARDS
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BULK OF DISCUSSION ON THIS ITEM CONCERNED IMPLEMENTATION
OF EURATOM/IAEA SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT. CANADIAN AND
AUSTRALIAN REPS NOTED THEIR CONCERN THAT ALMOST A YEAR
AFTER COMING INTO FORCE OF AGREEMENT FINAL ARRANGEMENTS
FOR IMPLEMENTATION HAD NOT YET BEEN AGREED UPON; THAT
CONTINUED DELAY ON PART OF EURATOM COULD ONLY PROVOKE

REPETITION OF SHARP CRITICISM OF EURATOM AND IAEA EXPRESSED BY USSR REP AT SEPT 1977 BOARD MEETING, AND THAT THIS WOULD PLACE SOME STATES IN AWKWARD POSITION AT BOARD. IN REPLY, BELGIANS SAID BOARD WOULD BE GIVEN FULL EXPLANATION OF CURRENT STATE OF PLAY IN MATTER. FRG REP REACTED VERY DEFENSIVELY TO CONCERNS EXPRESSED, ASSERTING IAEA, WHICH HAD "INTRODUCED NEW ELEMENTS" INTO IMPLEMENTING ARRANGEMENTS, WAS AT FAULT FOR CONTINUED DELAY. ITALIAN REP SUPPORTED HIM.

2. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

CANADIAN REP WONDERED WHETHER GROUP MIGHT CONSIDER ATTEMPTING REACH AGREEMENT ON TARGET FOR TA CONTRIBUTIONS IN ADVANCE OF MAY MEETING OF A&B COMMITTEE. SHORT DISCUSSION WHICH ENSUED WAS INCONCLUSIVE.

3. INFCE

WITH REGARD TO FINANCING OF AGENCY'S PARTICIPATION IN INFCE, FRG REP STATED THAT FRG GOVERNOR PROBABLY WOULD ANNOUNCE AT BOARD HIS GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARD NEW ESTIMATED COST FIGURE CONTAINED GOV/1877 (\$864,000) AT ITS BASE RATE OF ASSESSMENT (APPROX. \$71,700). JAPANESE REP NOTED HIS GOVERNMENT ALSO CONSIDERING AMOUNT IT WOULD CONTRIBUTE. AUSTRIAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REP CONFIRMED PRESS REPORT THAT GOA WOULD CONTRIBUTE \$15,000 TOWARD PROGRAM. DANISH REP SAID AGENCY HAD ALREADY BEEN INFORMED OF DANISH CONTRIBUTION OF \$8,000 WHICH, HE NOTED, WAS MORE THAN CALLED FOR BY APPLICATION OF DENMARK'S ASSESSED RATE AGAINST NEW TOTAL FIGURE.

4. ARTICLE VI OF STATUTE

STATEMENT BY DANISH REP (AS CHAIRMAN OF EC) MADE IT CLEAR THAT WE STATES STILL OPPOSE ANY ENLARGEMENT OF BOARD MEMBERSHIP. AUSTRALIAN REP INDICATED THAT ONE-PLUS-ONE PROPOSAL REPRESENTED "BEST POLITICAL SOLUTION;" I.E., IT REPRESENTED MINIMAL INCREASE ACCEPTABLE TO LDC'S. IT WAS AGREED THAT FURTHER MEETING OF WEO'S WOULD BE CONVENED IN EVENT ANY MEMBER CHANGED ITS POSITION ON THIS ISSUE.

5. SUCCESSOR TO DDG ROMETSCH

ITALIAN REP DELIVERED BRIEF STATEMENT SUPPORTING WE CANDIDATE IN GENERAL AND PROF ZANGGER IN PARTICULAR. FRG REP, IN OBLIQUE REFERENCE TO PRINCE CANDIDACY,

NOTED AGE FACTOR AND "UNFORTUNATE" EFFECT WHICH WOULD
BE CREATED BY DEPARTURE FROM AGENCY OF DG AND NEW
DDG FOR SAFEGUARDS AT ALMOST THE SAME TIME. SWISS REP,
ACCOMPANIED BY GENERAL LAUGHTER, NOTED AND SOUGHT TO
ALLAY WHAT HE TERMED PERSISTENT RUMORS THAT ZANGGER
NOT GOOD CANDIDATE BECAUSE HE WAS TOO BUSY, OR IN
ILL HEALTH. LABOWITZ

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